

On the motion of Mr. Fulton, seconded by Mr. Reynell, the foregoing was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

The following were elected as Officers and Council for the year 1903 :

*President*.—E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

*Vice-Presidents*.—W. T. Blanford, LL.D., F.R.S. ; Professor W. A. Herdman, F.R.S. ; E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.L.S. ; H. Woodward, LL.D., F.R.S.

*Treasurer*.—J. H. Ponsonby, F.Z.S.

*Secretary*.—R. H. Burne, B.A., F.Z.S.

*Editor*.—B. B. Woodward, F.L.S.

*Other Members of the Council*.—G. C. Crick, F.G.S. ; Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S. ; G. K. Gude, F.Z.S. ; Professor G. B. Howes, LL.D., F.R.S. ; Rev. Canon Merle Norman, D.C.L., F.R.S. ; W. G. Ridewood, D.Sc., F.L.S.

On the motion of Mr. Bullen Newton, seconded by Mr. Manger, a vote of thanks was passed to the Retiring Members of Council, the Auditors, and the Scrutineers.

## OBITUARY NOTICES.

OLIVER COLLETT, F.R.M.S., who died somewhat suddenly at Colombo on 13th June, 1902, from an attack of dysentery, when only 35 years old, became a member of this Society in 1896.

While actively engaged in his vocation as a tea planter he did much excellent scientific work, especially among the Mollusca.

He contributed only one paper to our "Proceedings," and that was a "Description of *Streptaxis gracilis*, n.sp., from Ceylon" (vol. iii. 1898, p. 1), but he most generously placed material at the disposal of his co-workers: a number of new species discovered by him have been described by Lieut.-Col. Godwin-Austen and Mr. E. R. Sykes, and the important investigation "On the Anatomy of the genus *Acavus*, Montfort" by Mr. W. B. Randles (vol. iv, 1900, p. 103) was undertaken at his suggestion and on material supplied by him, while researches on the anatomy of the genus *Catulus* are at present being conducted by Miss Lettice Digby<sup>1</sup> on specimens collected by him.

JOHN CLAYELL MANSEL-PLEYDELL, F.L.S., F.G.S., etc., who was an original member of this Society, was born in 1817. He completed his education at St. John's College, Cambridge, and on the death of his father in 1863 succeeded to the family estates in Dorset. Keenly interested in natural history, especially that of his own county, he published works on the Flora (including a section on the Geology), the Birds, and the Mollusca of Dorset, while he was chief founder in 1875 and afterwards President of the Dorset Natural History and Antiquarian Field Club, to the "Proceedings" of which he was a constant contributor. The Dorset County Museum was also very largely

<sup>1</sup> See her preliminary note, *ante*, p. 261.

indebted to him for many contributions in almost every department. His enthusiasm he kept to the last; indeed, he may be said to have in the end sacrificed himself to the cause of science, the effort to attend the meeting at Dorchester, where he was to deliver his annual address to the Dorset Field Club, proving too much for him, and he passed away 3rd May, 1902.

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#### ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

E. A. SMITH, F.Z.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

In the regrettable absence, through sudden illness, of Professor G. B. Howes, LL.D., F.R.S., who had undertaken to address the Society on "The Molluscan Larva in Classification," Mr. J. E. S. Moore delivered a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, upon the problem presented by the presence of marine forms of Mollusca and other animals in Lake Tanganyika. After a short summary of the questions involved in the problem, he gave an account of the structural features of the country in the region of the great African lakes, in its bearings upon the probable source of the marine forms of life found in Lake Tanganyika.

After some remarks by the President, Dr. Henry Woodward, Dr. Blanford, and others, a vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

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#### ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1903.

Dr. W. T. BLANFORD, F.R.S., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. W. B. Randles was elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "Further description of the animal of *Damayantia carinata*, Collinge, showing its similarity to *D. Smithi*, Collge. & G.-A., with remarks on this genus of Issel, *Collingea* of Simroth, and *Isselentia* of Collinge." By Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S.

2. "Note on the generic name *Buliminus*." By B. B. Woodward, F.L.S.

3. "Notes on the Pleistocene non-marine Mollusca at Portland Bill; and on Holocene non-marine Mollusca from (1) West Harnham, Wilts; (2) Harlton, Cambridgeshire; (3) the Down above Durdle Barn Door, Dorset; and (4) Folkestone." By the Rev. R. Ashington Bullen, F.L.S.

4. "On the occurrence of *Neritina Grateloupiana*, Fér., in the Pleistocene gravels of the Thames at Swanscomb." By A. S. Kennard and B. B. Woodward, F.L.S.

Exhibits were placed on the table by the following:—

F. G. Bridgman: Specimens of *Oliva tigrina*, Lam., and *O. peruviana*, Lam., with varieties.